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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1-4, 16-20 and 32-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sahlman et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,693,902; hereinafter Sahlman) in view of Aaron et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,331,632; hereinafter Aaron) and McMillen et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,361; hereinafter McMillen) is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1. The allowable matter of claim 21 has been incorporated into claim 17. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 5 has been incorporated into claims 33, 34 and 36. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 21 has been incorporated into claim 35. While the amended claims 33, 34, 35 and 36 are not identical to claims 1 and 21, they are very similar and are believed to be allowable.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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